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Board Honors Rescue and Recovery Effort Workers

The following items came before the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors during their October 23rd meeting:

- The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today honored dozens of county employees and other county people who assisted with the rescue and recovery efforts in New York City and at the Pentagon following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Included were members of the region's Disaster Medical Assistance Team, DMAT CA-2. The team, which operates under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, responds to disasters that require more attention than local authorities can provide.

Nine of the 46 DMAT members are county employees: Arrowhead Regional Medical Center Registered Nurses Rhonda Barnthouse, Allen Francis, Daniel Roland and Andrew Blair, County Fire Department Paramedic John Commander, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center physician Elizabeth Lynch, ARMC Administrative Officer Lisa Reed, Sheriff's Department Registered Nurse Steven Richter, and Dr. Conrad Salinas, DMAT commander.

Twelve other county employees who assisted in the New York City effort were also honored by the Board: Robert H. "Rocky" Shaw and Randy Emon with the Coroner, David Graves, Sheila McKee and Sharon Gattas with the Sheriff's dog teams, Dr. Lea Lynch, Wayne Hess and Allen Francis with the Sheriff's air medics, and Gary Malkus, Greg Smith, Ron Niesch and Ray Khachatourian with the Sheriff's Chaplain Corps.

"These volunteers are certainly deserving of special recognition," said Board Chairman Fred Aguiar, "and I know our county and our country are very thankful for their selfless and courageous efforts."

- In order to improve leasing procedures, the Board adopted new real estate policies for the leasing of county airport and county regional park real property. The new policies provide specific direction as to when solicitation for proposals or short term lease processes should be used in leasing county airport and park property.

“The policies approved today will help to ensure all these types of leases are done according to appropriate procedures and are fair and open to all parties involved,” said Supervisor Aguiar.

- A contract in the amount of \$2,135,124 was awarded to LAD Construction, of Upland, to remodel part of the old County Medical Center for use by the Probation Department. The remodeled facility will serve to house the Regional Youth Educational Facility and the Kuiper Youth Center. By moving these programs out of Central Juvenile Hall, approximately 65 detention beds at the Hall will be freed up. Currently, the population at the county’s Juvenile Hall regularly exceeds the Board of Corrections’ authorized limit of 281 by over 200 juveniles each day.

“Moving these programs out of Central Juvenile Hall will greatly alleviate the overcrowding that is currently being experienced by the county’s juvenile detention system,” said Supervisor Aguiar.

- The Board approved a cooperative agreement with the City of Chino to install a traffic signal at Philadelphia Street and Pipeline Avenue. The City is overseeing a development project in the area that has lead to a need for the signal. The total estimated cost of the project is \$177,000. The county will pay \$110,250, the City of Chino will pay \$36,750, and the developer will pay \$30,000.
- Mahalia Perry, a resident of Ontario, was reappointed to the county’s In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee. The other Fourth District appointment to the Committee is Keith Drum of Chino.

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